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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-20, amend claim 1 and add claims 21-24 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An analytical test device comprising:  
a casing, including a chamber defining a pocket sized to contain a predetermined volume of a fluid sample;  
sample metering means for controlling a release rate of fluid sample from the pocket, said sample metering means comprising a sample pad and a feed element having a generally planar surface pressed against said sample pad and at least one feed inlet through the planar surface; and  
a testing assembly, disposed in the casing, for assaying the released fluid sample from the pocket.

21. (New) The test device according to claim 1 wherein the at least one feed inlet comprises a plurality of spaced apart feed inlets in said generally planar surface.

22. (New) The test device according to claim 1 wherein the at least one feed inlet comprises a slot in said generally planar surface.

23. (New) The test device according to claim 1 further comprising means for supporting said casing on a generally horizontal surface with the chamber disposed in a